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Ms. Pamela Katz Chairman Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06501

Re:

Docket 272 - The Connecticut Light and Power Company and The United Illuminating Company Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of a New 345-kV Electric Transmission Line and Associated Facilities Between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk, Connecticut Including the Reconstruction of Portions of Existing 115-kV and 345-kV Electric Transmission Lines, the Construction of the Beseck Switching Station in Wallingford, East Devon Substation in Milford, and Singer Substation in Bridgeport, Modifications at Scovill Rock Switching Station and Norwalk Substation and the Reconfiguration of Certain Interconnections

Dear Ms. Katz:

The City of Milford requested that The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") reconsider the use of a parcel located on the west side of Oronoque Road for its proposed East Devon Substation. (See attached copy of letter dated April 16, 2004 from Mayor James Richetelli, Jr.) The subject parcel is owned by Blackite Corporation ("Blackite"). During the April hearings in this docket, the Siting Council asked CL&P to keep the Council informed regarding the status of any subsequent discussions about the use of the Blackite parcel for the East Devon Substation.

As a condition for exploring the relocation of the site of the East Devon Substation to the Blackite parcel at this late date, CL&P must have the ability to perform Phase I and Phase II environmental testing and other testing at the property in order to evaluate the suitability of this site and to identify any potential environmental issues or other concerns. Therefore, CL&P prepared forms for execution by Blackite to allow testing on the site ("the Access Documents"), which were forwarded to Blackite shortly after the April hearings.

I received the enclosed letter dated April 30, 2004 from Julie Donaldson Kohler, counsel for the City of Milford, indicating that the owner of the Blackite parcel would not agree to sign the Access Documents without modifications, including a requirement that CL&P execute an agreement to purchase the Blackite parcel as a condition for obtaining the right to conduct Phase II testing on the parcel. CL&P has had subsequent discussions with Roderick C. McNeil, III of Blackite regarding the execution of the Access Documents. Blackite will not agree to execute the Access Documents without receiving some form of commitment from CL&P regarding the purchase of the parcel.

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I am writing to inform the Council that CL&P cannot consider relocating the proposed site for the East Devon Substation to the Blackite parcel without performing the testing authorized by the Access Documents. Therefore, CL&P does not intend to proceed with any further discussions with Blackite's representatives regarding this parcel.

Very truly yours,

Brian T. Henebry

BTH/da Enclosures

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April 16, 2004

Via E-mail and First Class Mail

Pamela B. Katz, Chairman Connecticut Siting Council 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Docket No. 272

Application to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 345 kV Electric Transmission Line Facility and Associated Facilities between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk East Devon Substation

## Dear Chairman Katz:

On December 2, 2003, the Milford Planning and Zoning Commission ("Milford Commission"), on behalf of the City of Milford ("Milford"), reviewed the proposal of The Connecticut Light & Power Company and The United Illuminating Company (collectively the "Companies") to locate the proposed East Devon substation ("Substation") on six parcels of property owned by Jordan Realty, LLC identified on the Milford Tax Assessor's Map 62, Block 936, Lots 16-16E.

The Milford Commission issued a conditional approval for the location of the substation at this site. Shortly thereafter, Milford received notice from the landowner that no agreement had been reached with the Companies for the acquisition or use of the parcels, and in fact Jordan Realty was not interested in the Substation being located on these parcels under any circumstances. James R. Beard, on behalf of Jordan Realty sent a letter to the Connecticut Siting Council ("Council") dated

December 3, 2003 that confirmed this position. A copy of that letter is appended hereto.

Mr. Beard has, as recently as April 15, 2004, contacted Milford and reiterated his objection to the location of the Substation on this property. While Milford does not object to the general location of the Substation in this zone designated limited industrial (requiring conversion to industrial), it cannot recommend that the Companies locate the Substation on a parcel of land owned by a resident that objects to such a use and will likely lose the property through the Companies' exercise of their statutory right of eminent domain.

Milford would encourage the Companies to locate the East Devon Substation on the property originally considered prior to the filing of the Technical Report. This approximately 17-acre property is located at 1183 Oronoque Road and is owned by The Blackite Corp. Roderick McNeil, representing The Blackite Corp. has informed Milford that it does not object to the location of the Substation on this property and further advises that he and the Companies had continued discussions about their use of this property through December, 2003.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James L. Richetelli, Jr. Mayor

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April 30, 2004

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RE: Docket No. 272: Application to the Connecticut Siting Council for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a 345 kV Electric Transmission Line Facility and Associated Facilities between Scovill Rock Switching Station in Middletown and Norwalk Substation in Norwalk Location of East Devon Substation

Dear Attorney Henebry,

After receiving the Survey and Due Diligence Permit and Lessee's Consent documents ("Access Documents") provided me on April 22, 2004 those documents were forwarded to Roderick McNeil, representative of the Blackite Corporation ("Blackite"). Mr. McNeil reviewed the documents and advised me that Blackite is willing to grant the Applicants the right to enter the Oronoque Road, Milford property for the purpose of conducting a Phase I site assessment. He seeks modest revisions to the Access Documents, which revisions I believe the Applicants will not find objectionable (i.e. the presence of a Blackite representative, copy of the Phase I site assessment report, etc.).

Mr. McNeil will then allow the Applicants to conduct a Phase II site assessment once there is an agreement for the acquisition of the property. He informs me that the parties have negotiated most, if not all of the terms for the acquisition of this property over the past eighteen months. He also understands that any such agreement would contain contingencies as to the results of the environmental testing. Attorney Leonard Blum of Kleban & Samor, PC will be handling the revisions to the Access Documents on behalf of Blackite. I have included his contact information below. Please contact him to coordinate the finalization and execution of these documents.

Yours Truly,

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